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In re Application of:)
MINORU TAKEBE et al.) Group Art Unit: 1761
Serial No. 09/284,935)
Filed: April 21, 1999)
For: BENEFICIAL MICROORGANISM PROPAGATION-)
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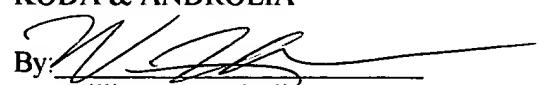
Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, upon review of the Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495, a copy of which is enclosed, it was found that it contained errors. Instead of "35 U.S.C. 102(e) Date: 01 June 99," and "Date of Receipt of 35 U.S.C. 371 Requirements: 01 June 99," the correct dates should be --35 U.S.C. 102(e) DATE: 03 May 1999-- and --DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS: 03 May 1999--. Also enclosed for your reference are copies of a letter, a check for \$130.00, and a returned postcard dated May 3, 1999, and a letter and returned postcard stamped by the Patent Office dated May 27, 1999.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office correct its records and issue a Corrected Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 which reflects the above information.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

In regards to the above-identified application which was entered into the U.S. National Stage without the Declaration of the inventors, a notification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.494(c) has not yet been issued or sent to the undersigned. However, pursuant to the instructions given to the undersigned by the PCT Help Desk, enclosed herewith please find an executed Declaration & Power of Attorney form and a check in the sum of \$130.00 as the late filing fee so that the requirements for this application can be met. Still further, enclosed herewith pleased find an Assignment, Recordation Form Cover Sheet and a check in the sum of \$40.00 as the recordation fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

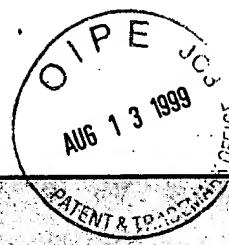
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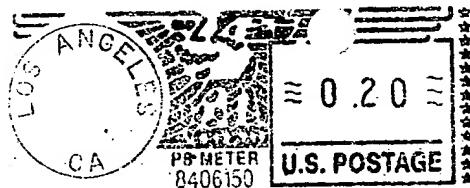
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In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC 371 dated

May 24, 1999, Applicant respectfully submits that a communication was already sent to the Patent Office on May 3, 1999 via United States Express Mail which included the Declaration & Power of Attorney and the \$130.00 surcharge for the late filing thereof. A copy of the entire communication, which also included an Assignment, Recordation Cover Sheet and Mailing Certificate, is enclosed herewith along with a copy of the returned postcard indicating receipt at the Patent Office.

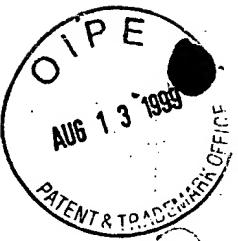
Applicant therefore respectfully submits that no further documents or fees are required from Applicant at this time. If, however, further fees are required, please charge those fees to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

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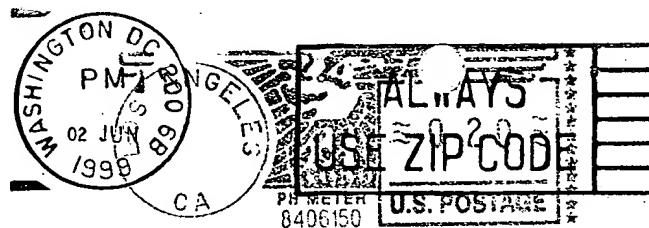
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**NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371
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1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

01 June 99

35 U.S.C. 102(e) DATE

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35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371(C) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE. The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

3. A request for immediate examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) was received on 01 June 99 and the application will be examined in turn.

4. The following items have been received:

 U.S. Basic National Fee. Copy of the international application in: a non-English language. English. Translation of the international application into English. Oath or Declaration of inventors(s) for DO/EO/US. Copy of Article 19 amendments. Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.The Article 19 amendments have have not been entered. The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any. Copy of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER). Translation of Annexes to the IPER into English.The Annexes have have not been entered. Preliminary amendment(s) filed _____ and _____. Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed _____ and _____.

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Other:

Applicant is reminded that any communication to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above. (37 CFR 1.5)

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